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Addendum

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2008-2009

(Item 3 (b))

Programme 3
Disarmament

1. At its 8th meeting, on 21 August 2006, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 3, Disarmament, of the proposed biennial programme plan (A/61/6 (Prog. 3)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. The Committee welcomed the presentation of the narrative of programme 3. Appreciation was expressed for the work of the Department for Disarmament Affairs and its efforts in disarmament, arms limitation and non-proliferation. General support was expressed for the disarmament programme, but it was noted that the report should conform to mandates and the biennial programme plan for the biennium 2006-2007. The view was expressed that the proposed biennial programme plan placed more emphasis on non-proliferation than on disarmament in general, and that the priority of disarmament should be clearly reflected. It was urged that a balance be accorded between weapons of mass destruction and conventional arms, in particular small arms and light weapons and landmines.

4. Concern was expressed that the efforts of the regional centres for peace and disarmament had not been emphasized in the proposed plan. It was indicated that an

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assessment of the work of the centres should be undertaken with a view to determining whether any improvements could be made.

5. The initiative of the Department to increase the use of electronic media for the dissemination and exchange of information, in particular to the general public, was welcomed. The view was expressed that a list of countries that have ratified the disarmament treaties and agreements should be provided. Clarifications were also sought regarding the relationship between the Department and the Conference on Disarmament and coordination between the two entities. The Committee was informed that the secretariat of the Conference, located in Geneva, was part of the Department.

6. The view was expressed that some indicators of achievement were too vague for measuring expected accomplishments. The setting of benchmarks and targets that were realistic and measurable was urged.

Conclusions and recommendations

7. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the narrative of programme 3, Disarmament, of the proposed biennial programme plan, subject to the following modifications:**

Overall orientation

Paragraph 3.2

Revise the paragraph to read: "The mandate for the programme derives from the priorities established in relevant General Assembly resolutions and decisions in the field of disarmament, including the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, the first special session devoted to disarmament (resolution S-10/2). The programme is also guided by the United Nations Millennium Declaration (resolution 55/2) and takes into account other relevant resolutions of the United Nations. Weapons of mass destruction, in particular nuclear weapons, continue to be of primary concern to the Organization. Conventional disarmament, especially with regard to major weapons systems, small arms and light weapons and landmines, has received growing attention from the international community over the past few years."

Subprogramme 1
Multilateral negotiations on arms limitation and disarmament

Objective of the Organization

Revise the objective to read: "To support multilateral negotiations and deliberations on agreements on arms limitation and disarmament, including non-proliferation in all its aspects, and provide support as required by States parties to the existing multilateral arms limitation and disarmament agreements in those areas".

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Revise expected accomplishment (a) to read: "(a) Enhanced quality of organizational and substantive services provided to the Conference on Disarmament and to the conferences and meetings of States parties to

various multilateral agreements on arms limitation and disarmament, including non-proliferation in all its aspects".

Revise expected accomplishment (b) to read: "(b) Enhanced assistance in the implementation of decisions, recommendations and programmes of action adopted by the conferences and meetings of States parties to various multilateral arms limitation and disarmament agreements".

Indicators of achievement

In indicator (c) (i), after the words "Member States", add the words ", in particular developing countries,".

Subprogramme 2
Weapons of mass destruction

Objective of the Organization

Revise the objective to read: "To promote and support the efforts for nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation in all its aspects and to assist Member States, at their request, in supporting existing treaties related to weapons of mass destruction".

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Revise expected accomplishment (b) to read: "(b) Enhanced use by Member States of information on issues relating to weapons of mass destruction, in particular nuclear weapons, including new trends and developments, as well as on the potential threat of use of weapons of mass destruction and related materials in terrorist acts".

Revise expected accomplishment (c) to read: "(c) Greater awareness by Member States of the need for gender mainstreaming in the substance and activities of the subprogramme".

Indicators of achievement

Revise indicator (c) to read: "(c) Increased percentage of female representation in governmental expert panels/groups mandated by the General Assembly and in events organized by the Branch".

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Paragraph 3.8

Revise subparagraph (c) to read: "(c) Enhancing cooperation in accordance with existing arrangements with the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, as well as expanding interaction with civil society, in particular research and academic institutions and non-governmental organizations working in the area of weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems".

Subprogramme 3
Conventional arms (including practical disarmament measures)

Indicators of achievement

Add a new indicator (b) (ii) reading "(ii) Percentage of States providing additional information on procurement from national production and military holdings, pending the development of the Register by Member States", and renumber the subsequent indicator accordingly.

Subprogramme 4
Information and outreach

Indicators of achievement

Renumber indicator (b) as (b) (i) and add a new indicator (b) (ii) reading: "(ii) Owing to proactive measures, increased number of responses from Member States to notes circulated by the Department inviting them to communicate their views on the issues outlined or information requested in relevant General Assembly resolutions".

Subprogramme 5
Regional disarmament

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishments (a), (b) and (c), add the words "in all its aspects" after the word "non-proliferation".

Indicators of achievement

In indicator (c), insert the words "in all its aspects" after the word "non-proliferation".

Strategy

Paragraph 3.11

In subparagraphs (a) and (f), include the words "in all its aspects" after the word "non-proliferation".

Revise subparagraph (d) to read: "(d) Supporting national, regional and subregional implementation of existing multilateral instruments and resolutions on disarmament and non-proliferation in all its aspects".

Legislative mandates

Add the following General Assembly resolution:

56/24 O General and complete disarmament: 2005 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and its Preparatory Committee